



Driveway Culvert Maintenance Guidelines



Do it Yourself

- Use a flashlight to inspect the length of your pipe from both ends.
- Use a shrub rake, shovel, or other tool to remove leaves, debris, snow, and dirt from the pipe, being careful not to damage the pipe or joints.
- Check for offset or open joints in the pipe.
- Check for signs of damage including roots and cracks.
- Repair any damages.
- Dispose of material away from stormwater runoff flow to keep it from reentering the swale and pipe.

Did You Know

- Properties with roadside swales often have driveway culverts which are pipes that convey stormwater under your driveway apron within the right-of-way.
- Driveway culverts are the responsibility of the property owner to maintain and repair.
- It is recommended that homeowner's inspect and clean their driveway culverts quarterly.
- It is also advisable to check your pipe prior to big storms and anytime you witness standing water in the swale.

Maintaining your driveway culvert will extend the life of the pipe and ensure that stormwater can properly travel through the drainage system and avoid issues with standing water and urban flooding.

IF YOU REQUIRE TECHNICAL ADVICE OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT MAINTAINING YOUR DRIVEWAY CULVERT, PLEASE CONTACT GCSTORMWATER@GREENECOUNTYOHIO.GOV

